(d) if so, the implications thereof and Indian plea to stop such activities from their territory indicating outcome so far; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to convincingly establish that terrorism issue in NER is taken up equally at International level?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) and (b) There are no well defined or internationally accepted criteria to designate a country or an organisation as "terrorist". However, the Security Council has, on occasion, adopted resolutions putting in place specific sanctions and measures against individual countries or has specified action against certain terrorist organisations.

(c) to (e) In view of the above, do not arise.

British Foreign Secretary's Delhi visit

1983. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether British Foreign Secretary visited Delhi in February, 2002;

(b) if so, what was the intention of such a visit;

(c) whether any discussion took place to end cross-border terrorism;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the other issues discussed with various leaders during his visit to India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) to (d) British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw paid a visit to Delhi on 27 February, 2002 in continuation of the ongoing high-level political dialogue with the U.K. and to exchange views on the forthcoming Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Australia on 2—5 March, 2002. During the discussions, Mr. Straw was fully sensitised regarding

India's concerns on cross-border terrorism.

(e) Discussions with various leaders including External Affairs Minister, Home Minister and Raksha Mantri centred around the main elements of the bilateral relationship, recent regional and global developments of mutual concern as well as issues of common interest for the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting taking place immediately thereafter in Australia.

Pakistan's involvement in attack on Parliament

1984. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have definite proof of active connivance of an official of the Pakistan High Commission in Delhi in helping the Jaish-e-Mohammad attack on the 13th December, 2001 on the Indian Parliament;

(b) if so, whether the matter has been taken up with the Pakistan Government; and

(c) whether the official concerned has been declared persona non-grata and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) to (c) Several instances of Pakistani officials posted in the Pakistan High Commission in New Delhi, indulging in activities that are incompatible with their official status including activities related to espionage and terrorism have come to light.

On 24th December, 2001 Government had asked the Pakistan authorities to withdraw one of their staff members for indulging in activities that were incompatible with his stated official status, including in his contacts with an official of the Parliament Secretariat.